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## JOB WORK A SPECIALTY

It is in order now that the people of the Nation begin thinking of the erection of permanent memorials to their heroes who have fallen in France. This of course also includes all the men who have given their lives as an incident to the service, whether fallen in battle, dying of wounds, or succumbing to accident or disease at the training camps at home. They are all worthy of the highest honor.

The people will wish to enshrine their names and set up memorials to their deeds; it is a thing due those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, a fitting expression from those who survive; and a witness for future generations, whereby posterity may profit.

Richmond county has lost a number of sons in the service of humanity. Shall not the memory of their deeds be perpetuated in an enduring memorial?

Elsewhere in this issue [page 2] is a letter from a merchant of Rockingham suggesting such a movement, and offering \$25 for a fitting monument. And he also suggests that this memorial be dedicated to our boys of this war, and to men of the Sixties. No monument has ever been erected in Richmond county to the men who wore the Grey; and a joint monument now would be most fitting.

What say the people to this suggestion of a memorial? The Post-Dispatch will be pleased to hear from citizens, and receive further suggestions.

In view of the large number of names that have been suggested as the successor, to the late Edward Kidder Graham as President of the State University, the Board of Trustees last week decided that the work of winnowing out the list shall devolve upon a special committee. This committee will canvass the names and investigate their merits. It is of local interest to know that a Rockingham citizen was placed on this important committee of five—W. N. Everett; the other members are Victor S. Bryant, Harry Whedbee, George Stephens, and Dr. R. H. Lewis. The committee will report to the full Board before June and a selection made.

Dr. Remp Plummer Battle, ex-president of the University and Professor Emeritus of History since 1907, died at his home at Chapel Hill Tuesday afternoon at 5:15; heart trouble brought the end. He celebrated his 87th birthday last December 19th. The funeral was held in Raleigh

today.

The State is better and greater for the life and influence of "Pres" Battle, as three generations of students loved to call him. His passing is truly like the final page in a noble volume.

The Post-Dispatch is pleased to have had the especial friendship of Dr. Battle. He contributed a number historical articles to this paper, each written in his own hand easily read despite his 87 years. The last article printed by us from his pen was two weeks ago, and was a history of Gen. Smith, of Revolutionary fame, after whom Southport, or Smithville, was named.

The suggestion of the Post-Dispatch last issue that this coming Fourth of July be made a county-wide celebration at Rockingham in honor of the returning soldiers has met with a hearty endorsement by many of our people, both in and out of town. Friday, July 4th, 1919, ought to be an epochal day in the celebration-history of the county. That Rockingham will be an open-handed host that day to the thousands of visitors goes without question.

PRESIDENT Wilson is booked to leave Europe for America the last of next week. The work of the Peace Conference has been speeded up recently to the point where he can leave with safety. He has blazed out a way which the other nations of the world can clearly follow now. The entire world realizes the priceless value of the president's visit abroad—except possibly a few sore-heads in this country who would almost rather have had Germany win than for President Wilson to be acclaimed as the world's unquestioned leader.

FORMAL proclamation by the State Department that the national prohibition amendment has been ratified by three-fourths of the States of the Union and thus becomes a valid part of the Constitution was issued at noon on Wednesday of last week (Jan. 29th) by Frank L. Polk, the acting Secretary of State. The act will go into effect January 16th, 1920.

The 44th State to ratify the amendment was New York—and the wets in the Empire State died hard. The vote in the House was 81 to 66, and the Senate passed it by 27 to 24 votes.

Good bye, Old Boose, for evermore. You will be unwept, unhonored and unsung.

THE House passed the Saunders bill eliminating arson and burglary from the list of crimes punishable by death, but the Senate Tuesday killed the bill by a vote of 26 to 17, and so these two crimes will continue to be punished by the death penalty.

The House Tuesday finally passed the much discussed "dog" bill, and the Senate is now wrestling with it. The bill if passed by the Senate will require that the head of the family list for taxation all the dogs owned in the family, and the tax will be \$1 for males and \$2 for females; the dogs must wear a collar, with the name of the owner on same, and no dog will be allowed to run at large at night; they must be kept up. The Senate now has the measure. Dogs and chickens should be kept up the same as a person's cow or horse.

THE House by vote of 68 to 45 Wednesday killed the bill to create a Prohibition Marshal for the State. Such a measure should most certainly have passed; every booze drinker and blockade outlaw will smack his lips in glee that their ilk mustered enough "friends" to kill the bill. It is of interest to note that Richmond county's representative, W. N. Everett, was one of the 45 to vote for the measure. Cox, of Anson, Poole, of Montgomery, and Shaw, of Scotland, voted against the bill.

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## Counting a Billion.

The following remarkable calculation on the length of time which it would take a person to count a billion recently appeared in an issue of the English Mathematician:

"What is a billion? The reply is very simple. In England a billion is a million times a million. This is quickly written and quicker still pronounced. But no man is able to count it. You will count 160 or 170 a minute. But let us suppose that you go as high as 200 a minute, hour after hour. At that rate you would count 12,000 an hour, 280,000 a day, or 105,120,000 in a year. Let us suppose now that Adam, at the beginning of his existence, had begun to count, and had continued to do so and was counting still. Had such a thing been possible, he would not yet have finished the task of counting a billion.

To count a billion would require a person to count 200 a minute for a period of 9,512 years, 243 days, 5 hours and 20 minutes. But, suppose we allow the counter 12 hours daily for rest, eating and sleeping. Then he would need 18,025 years, 319 days, 10 hours and 45 minutes to complete the task.—Exc."

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The Honor Roll of new and renewal subscriptions to Post-Dispatch for the past week is as follows. From January 1st to January 30th, 84 NEW subscribers joined the Post-Dispatch circle of ever-widening readers, and during the past week 13 new ones joined, making the total since January 1st—97.

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## 40 Days of Winter?

If Mr. A. Aardvark, otherwise known as the Ground Hog, is to be believed, then winter is only half over. Feb. 2nd is the day set apart for the g. h. to come out of his hole and take a squint at the weather. If the animal finds it cloudy and he cannot see his shadow, he remains out, thereby showing that the backbone of winter is broken. But if he sees his shadow, as was the case last Sunday, then he sagaciously knows there'll be at least 40 more days of winter, and so retires into his hole.

The winter so far has been the mildest in many years; it is to be hoped that the g. h. is a falsifier and that the remainder of the winter months will be as moderate.

## Sewing Room Report.

Red Cross Sewing Room report for past week:

Thursday, a. m., Jan. 30th.—Mrs. W. B. Stansill, supervisor, Mrs. W. C. Leak, Miss Bobbie Flowers, Miss Ruth Harrison, 1 pinafore completed, three nearly made. Afternoon—Mrs. W. T. Covington, supervisor; Mrs. Nellie Terry, Mrs. Fannie Lyon, Mrs. R. B. Waddell, Misses Faith Covington made 4 pinafores, partly completed 3 more, worked button-holes etc. Mr. Davis worked on machines.

Friday, a. m., Jan. 31st.—Mrs. W. N. Everett, Jr., supervisor; Mrs. R. B. Waddell, Misses Ruth Harrison, Rosa and Jennie Parsons, Hallie Covington, 5 pinafores made, 2 partially made. Afternoon—Miss Annie Marks, supervisor; 2 pinafores.

Tuesday, a. m., Feb. 4th.—Miss Hallie Covington, supervisor; Misses Rosa and Jennie Parsons, Mary Entwistle, finished two partially made pinafores, made one, began one. Mrs. J. LeGrand Everett marked, folded, and tied up 18 pinafores. Afternoon—Mrs. J. T. Collier, supervisor; Mrs. W. T. Covington, Mrs. George Entwistle, Mrs. A. E. Walsh, Mrs. R. B. Waddell, 1 pinafore made, 3 partly made.

Wednesday, a. m., Feb. 5th.—Mrs. J. LeGrand Everett, made 1 pinafore. Afternoon—Mrs. R. B. Waddell, supervisor; Mrs. W. T. Covington, Mrs. Fannie Lyon, Mrs. J. T. Collier, Mrs. Finley, made 5 pinafores, work done on one, 21 buttons and 21 button holes, 3 labels.

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